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Re: Applicant: Infineon Technologies, AG  
Serial No: 09/870321  
English Title: Method and arrangement for taking up a first medium, which is present in a first phase, into a capillary device  
Attorney Docket No: 32226.4

Dear Sir:

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Re: U.S. Patent Application 09/870321 ) PATENT

German Title: Verfahren und Anordnung zum Aufnehmen  
eines ersten Mediums, welches in einer  
ersten Phase vorliegt, in eine  
Kapillarvorrichtung )

English Translation: Method and arrangement for taking up a  
first medium, which is present in a first  
phase, into a capillary device )

Applicant: Infineon Technologies, AG )

Inventors: Volker Lehmann )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the above-entitled patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

- 1 1. (amended) Method for taking up a first medium, which is present in a first phase,  
2 into a capillary device, in which the first medium is taken up into the capillary device by means  
3 of a reduced pressure which is produced in the <sup>7</sup>latter, wherein the reduced pressure which is  
4 produced is controlled in such a way that it is less than a critical pressure such that, if it is  
5 exerted in the capillary device, a surface tension which is produced by the first medium or a  
6 second medium in the capillary device, when the first medium has been taken up fully by the  
7 capillary device, would be overcome so that the second medium which is present in a second  
8 phase which is different from the first phase, would be taken up into the capillary device.